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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AIRPORTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE THE  
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A CORPORATION  
TO MANAGE THE STATE'S AIRPORTS.

1           WHEREAS, the State's airports play a critical role in the  
2 economic development, tourism industry, and overall connectivity  
3 of the islands; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Hawaii's airports collectively employ thousands of  
6 individuals in various sectors, including airlines, operations,  
7 security, maintenance, customer service, concessions, and  
8 administration, making them a significant source of jobs and  
9 economic activity in the State; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the establishment of an airports corporation could  
12 potentially centralize and streamline the management,  
13 development, and operations of the State's airports under a  
14 single entity; and  
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16           WHEREAS, a dedicated airports corporation could improve  
17 financial flexibility, accelerate infrastructure improvements,  
18 enhance customer experience, and ensure long-term sustainability  
19 and competitiveness of Hawaii's airport system; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the State should evaluate the potential benefits,  
22 challenges, and financial implications of creating an airports  
23 corporation, including an assessment of governance structures,  
24 funding mechanisms, operational efficiency, potential to improve  
25 outcomes, and regulatory compliance; and  
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27           WHEREAS, input from various stakeholders, including  
28 government agencies, aviation industry experts, business  
29 representatives, labor organizations, and community members, is  
30 essential to developing informed recommendations for the  
31 Legislature; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Airports Division of the Department of Transportation is requested to convene a task force to explore the feasibility of establishing and implementing an airports corporation to manage the State's airports; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to include the following members:

- (1) Representatives from the Department of Transportation;
- (2) The chairpersons of the respective committees of the House of Representatives and Senate having jurisdiction over transportation;
- (3) Representatives from the Hawaii Tourism Authority; and
- (4) Representatives from:
  - (A) The airline industry;
  - (B) Labor unions;
  - (C) Airport businesses; and
  - (D) Other relevant stakeholders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to analyze the potential advantages and disadvantages of creating an airports corporation, including its impact on airport operations, governance, staffing, quality of facilities and sense of place, and overall effectiveness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
3 of Transportation, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House  
4 of Representatives, and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii  
5 Tourism Industry.

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